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DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(c)

Sir:

I, Clifford E. Ford, declare as follows:

1) I am an employee of Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated and I currently hold the position of Patent Attorney.

2) The experiments and work developing the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-captioned U.S. application were performed at Ligand Pharmaceutical Incorporated by Ligand Pharmaceutical Incorporated employees. Each had an employment agreement specifying that all inventions were owned by Ligand Pharmaceutical Incorporated. In addition, the named inventors of the patent application were employees of Ligand Pharmaceutical Incorporated and subject to an obligation of assignment at that time.

3) Thus, the subject matter claimed in the above-captioned application and the subject matter of U.S. Patent No. 5,696,127 were commonly owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to Ligand Pharmaceutical Incorporated when the inventions of the instant application were made.

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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent resulting therefrom.

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